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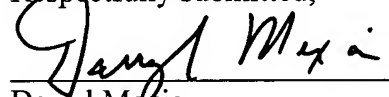
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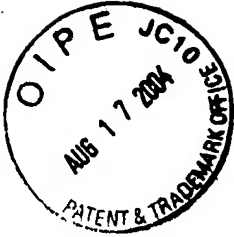
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Also, submitted herewith are English language abstracts of Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication Nos. 8-35552 and 62-266265, which abstracts constitute concise statements of relevance of the respective references.

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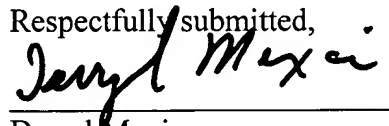
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